

State officials to discuss Healthy Indiana Plan expansion in Jasper

Officials from Governor Mike Pence's administration will be in Jasper on Monday, June 16th to detail the Governor's plan to expand the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) to cover approximately 350,000 more Hoosiers. [Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center](#) will host "a conversation about the future of health care in Indiana" featuring State Health Commissioner, William VanNess, M.D., and Indiana Medicaid Director, Joe Moser. The event is open to the public and will take place at the Memorial Lodge (2590 S. Newton Street) in Jasper.

On May 15th, [Governor Pence announced his plans](#) to advance private, market-based Medicaid reforms in Indiana by expanding the current Healthy Indiana Plan. Pence unveiled [HIP 2.0](#), a consumer-driven health care coverage program for low-income adults that builds on Indiana's history of consumer-driven health care while providing new incentives for members to take personal responsibility for their health.

"We are happy to host a community discussion by Dr. VanNess and Joe Moser at the Memorial Lodge in Jasper," said Ray Snowden, Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center President and Chief Executive Officer. "We look forward to learning more about Governor Pence's proposal and how it will address health care access in the communities we serve."

- Who:** William VanNess, M.D., Indiana State Health Commissioner and Joe Moser, Indiana Medicaid Director.
- What:** A conversation about the future of health care in Indiana.
- When:** Noon on Monday, June 16, 2014 (Media preview and availability starting at 11:30 a.m.).
- Where:** Memorial Lodge - 2590 S. Newton Street in Jasper.

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About Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center offers a comprehensive range of acute medical services in a 143-bed facility located on Ninth Street in Jasper. As a regional health center with over 90 active staff physicians and over 1,500 employees, Memorial Hospital serves Dubois and surrounding counties in southern Indiana. Under the sponsorship of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, the hospital annually provides care for over 7,000 inpatients and 230,000 outpatients. The hospital has consistently received the HealthGrades® Outstanding Patient Experience Award™ from 2009-2014. In addition, Memorial Hospital has been awarded the 2013 and 2014 VHA Leadership Award for Clinical Excellence, 2013 and 2014 Women's Choice Award for America's Best Hospitals for Heart Care and Obstetrics, and 2012 and 2013 Women's Choice Award for America's 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience. The hospital has also been the recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Achievement Award by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer and The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for the wound care program.

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